INSURANCE STATEMENTS. OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.]

HARTFORD STEAM-BOILER IN-SPECTION AND INSURANCE COMPANY. anual Statement for the fiscal year ending the Sist day of December, 1884, of the actual condition of the HARTFORD STRAM-BOILER INSPECTION AND INSURANCE COMPANY, organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut, made to the Auditor of Public Accounts for the Commonwealth of Virginia, pursuant to an act of the General Assembly regulating the reports of insurance companies, approved February 22, 1878.

ANCE COMPANY.
Home or principal office of said company—HARFORD, CONN.
Character of the company—GUARANTEED
PASSECTION OF STEAM-BOILERS.
President—J. M. ALLEN.
Vice-President—W. B. FRANKLIN.
Secretary—J. B. PIERCE.
Organized and incorporated—JUNE. 1866.
Commenced business—October, 1866.

CAPITAL The amount of subscribed capi-tal stock of such corporation, \$250,000 of The amount of said capital stock paid up in cash ______250,000 of

211.050 0

16.500 00

ASSETS.

The assets of said company, and a detailed statement of how and in what the same are invested:

Value of real estate owned by the company, less \$—, the amount of encumbrances thereon.

Total value of said mortragged premises \$831,065
Acronit of Nocks, Bonds, and Treasury Notes of the United States and of this State and of other States and of this State and of other States in this State, and of all other Stocks and Bonds over the United States in this State, and of all other Stocks and Bonds over a state of Connecticut bonds—market value—Entted States bonds.
Evansville city bonds
Frank township bonds
Peerin township bonds
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St. Johnsbury and Lake Cham-

to hosbury and Lake Cham-plain railroad bonds e shares City National Bank, Hartford 13 shares Hartford National Bank, Hartford oank, Hartford
to shares Security Company,
Hartford
to shares New York, New
Haven and Hartford Railroad Company tond Company
110 shares Chicago, Burlington
and Quincy Railroad Com-Cash in company's principal of-

hee
deposited in bank
Interest due and accrued on
stecks not included in "market value" Aggregate amount of all the assets of the company. LIABILITIES.

standard, Due and accrued for rent. All other demands against the

Joint stock capital actually paid up in cash, applied and all other liabilities 86,904 58 Aggregate amount of all liabil-

INCOME.

Net each actually received for inspections and premiums. \$301,607 10 Received for interest on bonds and nortgages. \$12,910 76 Received for interest and dividends on stocks and bonds, collateral loans, and from all other sources.

EXPENDITURES.

Net amount paid during the year for losses. Dividends actually paid stock-holders, amount of stockhold-ers dividends declared during the year, \$25,000. Paid for commissions or broker-age. age Faid for salaries, fees, and all other charges of officers, clerks, agents, and all other employes. Paid for State, national, and local taxes in this and other

States.
All other payments and expenditures—viz., inspection of steam boilers.
Apparatus and general ex-

Sworn to by J. M. ALLEN, President, and B. PIFRUF, Secretary, before CHARLES HURLBUT, Notary Public for Hartford

This company aims to protect life an property from destruction by explosion catean-boliers by regular periodical inspections by expert inspectors trained in it methods and whose ability and work the company of the property of the property

rantee. It has nearly 15,000 stea ers under its supervision at this time.

ORGANIZED 1881.

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RICHMOND. INSURES AGAINST FIRE AND LIGHT-

HALF CENTURY IN SUCCESSFUL

TRIS OLD VIRGINIA INSTITUTION OFFERS SOLID SECURITY TO THOSE DESIRING INSU-RANCE. THE COMPANY ISSUES A VERY CON AND SIMPLE POLICY, FREE OF PETTY RESTRICTIONS AND LIBERAL IN ALL ITS

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D. O. DAVIS. E. O. NOLTING. GEO. W. ALLEN, W. S. DONNAN,

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SUN LAMP, WITH ALL THE IMPROVEMENTS: 1st. Brilliancy being
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charges prepaid, in plain case—no chance
for comment—containing six quart bottles,
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SPECIAL NOTICES. REMNANTS.—BIG SALE OF REMNANTS ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH AND 20TH.

100 remnants of SILKS;
200 remnants of DIESS-GOODS;
150 remnants of DIESS-GOODS;
150 remnants of CURTAIN LACES; rempants of CUTTAIN LACES; rempants of DIESCHED and CREAM TABLE-DAMASK; remnants of BLEACHED COTTON; remnants of BLEACHED COTTON; remnants of WHITE GOODS; remnants of LANEN CRASH: remnants of CARPETS; remnants of AUTTINGS.
100 FANCY SILK SCARFS at 25c, each, formerly sold from 50c, to \$1. Many ladies are purchasing them for cray patchwork.

work, 100 thirty-inch fine GINGHAM UMBREL-LAS at 75c., former price \$1: 200 8x10 PICTURE-FRAMES at 25c., former CORDED PIQUE at 4c, a yard worth 8 c. : Heavy TWILLED CRASH TOWELLING at

5c a yard worth Sc.; PLAID DRESS GOODS, nearly all wool, at 12 c. a yard worth 25c.; CORDED ALPACA at 10c. a yard, would be GREENOBLE SUITING at 6 je, a yard worth 10c;
harge stock of cheap WRITING-PAPER and ENVELOPES.

We call attention to another arrival of NEW E. W. Ball. Henry Hucles; Fourth We call attention to another arrival of NEW GOODS for the spring trade; Elegant DRESS-GOODS; HAMBURG EDGINGS and INSERTINGS; LACES of every description; BEADED FRONTS and VESTS for dress-tringing.

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TING:
Stamped MOMIE-CLOTH SPLASHERS,
TABLE - SCARPS, RUFFET-SCARFS,
TRAY-CLOTHS, NAPKINS, TIDIES,
and MATS.
We are now making daily additions to our
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We would respectfully call the attention of hotel and bearding-house keepers to the fact that we have a few more of those DAMAGED NAPKINS and BED-SPIEADS on hand, and we will sell them lower than ever since the supply is so fast decreasing. We have also a very large stock of SHEET-INGS. BLEACHED and UNBLEACHED COTTONS, TICKINGS. &c., at prices that will accommodate themselves to all purses. Ask to see our 75c. BED-SPIEAD; ask to see our 71c. BED-SPIEAD; ask to see our 71c. BED-SPIEAD; ask to see our NAPKINS at 40c. a dozen; ask to see our NAPKINS at 75c, a dozen; ask to see our NAPKINS at 10 ye, apiece. We have them from 40c. a dozen; ask to see our NAPKINS at 10 ye, apiece. We have them from 40c. a dozen in wards.

In low prices on LACES we take the We have all styles—TOROHON, VALEN CHENNES, LANGLEDON, PERSIAN, GUI PURE, ORDENTAL—in fact, every style ex-tant. Ask to see our 1-1NCH-WIDE TOR CHON LACE at 2, 3, 4, 6, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10c

25c., and upwards. LADIES' GLOVES. We have just received a lange importation of LADIES' GLOVES, in Lisle Thread, Silk, and kid, which, as they are a job lot, we will sell regardless of cost.

HAMBURGS. New styles in HAMBURGS received every

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New stock PLAIN and FIGURED SAT-TEENS in elegant styles; Special bargains in LACE CURTAINS.

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THE ELECTORAL BOARD. appointment of Registrars and Judges

Elections for Richmond City. The Electoral Board of the city of Richmond, appointed under the Anderson-McCormick bill, have made the follewing appointments: use of the city. The occupant of any lot or premises on which an unlicensed dog or goat shall be harbored for a period of ten days shall be deemed the

REGISTRARS.

Clay Ward .- First precinct, George J. Hooper; Second precinct, W. D. Trice; Third precinct, A. L. Burford;

Fourth precinct, E. M. Crump.

Monroe Ward.—First precinct, H.

H. Wilkins; Second precinct, Thomas Ellett : Third precinct, David B. Jones : Fourth precinct, ----; Fifth precinct. J. C. Hannon.

Madison Ward .- First precinct. J H. Knowles, Jr.; Second precinct, W. E. Johnson; Third precinct, J. H. Pe cor : Fourth precinct, John P. Quarles. Jefferson Ward .- First precinct, John Stamper; Second precinct, Theoderick Robertson; Third precinct, S. R. Perdue ; Fourth precinct, S. W. Farrar.

Marshall Ward.—First precinct, J. J.

Cannon: Second precinct, D. G. Baker Third precinct, James M. Goddin. Jackson Ward .- First precinct ,-Second precinct, -- ; Third precinct W. S. Woodson ; Fourth precinct, J. C.

Donnella. JUDGES OF ELECTION. In the various precincts of each ward the registrar also acts as judge of election. The following is a list of judge

appointed by the Board: Clay Ward .- First precinct, J. H. Gibbs, D. Z. Craver; Second precinct. Robert Northen, Jeff. Martin; Third precinct, C. V. Clash, C. W. Burr; Fourth precinct, J. F. Meredith, William Jacob.

Monroe Ward .-- First precinct, J. A. Mosby, W. L. Griffin; Second precinct, A. L. Ellett, Jr., Felix H. Baughan; Third precinct, Luther Martin, Jacob Cohn; Fourth precinct, Milner Noble, -; Fifth precinct, C. E. Wingo. Henry Hudnall.

Madison Ward .- First precinct, John Blair, Peter Hottes; Second precinct, George Burgess, H. L. Wigand; Third precinct, W. F. Harward, H. L. Peuze; Fourth precinct, James P. Wood, W. Holzapple.

Jefferson Ward .- First precinct, T. J. Wood, R. M. Leonard; Second pre-cinct, Z. T. Briggs, Aristotle Davis; Third precinct, Thomas E. Richardson, E. P. Murphy: Fourth precinct, James

Flournoy, R. I. Bass.

Marskall Ward.—First precinct, G. W. Smooth, R. H. Battee: Second pre-einet, Warren B. Smith, J. W. Hall Third precinet, John Pitt, Roland Hill Jackson Ward .- First precinct .--

The vacancies in Fourth Monroe and the First and Second precincts of Jackson Ward will be filled at the next meeting of the Board, on Saturday next.

Kind Words Reciprocated.

"The Richmond Dispatch severely condemns 'Fanchonette' as produced by the Boston Ideal Opera Company in that city recently. It declares the work abhorrent and devoid of redeeming features.' One of the abhorrent features referred to especially is the introduction of a mulatto, who takes part in the love-making throughout the enconception, says the Dispatch, must to this phase of His character. be repulsive to every real Caucasian in | She will read again at the same place ountry, and especially so to the

real southern heart. "Bless you, friend Dispatch, must not be troubled by a little thing like that. You are plainly behind the age. Up here we introduce goats, pigs. and jackasses among the dramatis personnæ; and not only that, our audiences laugh over the goats and their confreres. We often call the production, to be sure, a comic opera, or we give it a Celtic turn and say, opera comique.' There is not much opera to it, of course; but so long as we have the animals in the show the work is bound to go. It not only goes here, but it goes all over the country. Have you not seen the pigs and the jacksses? They are a great hit. Put the Fanchonette' mulatto astride these animals and the combination will be great. You may suggest, friend Dis eatch, that the latter should make love

to the jackass, and then we should Just so. But which one of them and have you not a currier already?

The City Circuit Court was engage esterday hearing argument in the suit of Glenn's administrator vs. The Na-

tional Express and Transportation Com-This is an old suit, instituted in 187 in the Chancery Court of Richmond, and afterwards removed to the Circuit

Glenn's administrator is one of a large number of creditors of this company and the entire amount involved is large. The counsel are Colonel Mar-shall, of Baltimore, and John Howard and Carrington & Fitzhugh, of Richmend, for plaintiffs, and Hon. Joseph Christian for petitioning stockholders.

Marriage of Mr. Cardwell and Miss Riddiek.

Broad-Street church was filled to overflowing last evening with friends and acquaintances to witness the mar-riage of Mr. R. W. Cardwell to Miss Emma, daughter of the late W. J. Riddick. Mr. Cardwell, who is a very popular young business-man, is con-nected with the firm of J. W. Cardwell & Co. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. C. Bledsoe. The following gentlemen acted as ushers: W. J. Simmons, C. M. Nottingham, of Nor folk : W. C. Riddick, L. R. Cardwell W. E. Word, C. W. Mcfarlane, J. P. Davis, and P. R. Rahm. Mr. and Mrs Cardwell left on the 9:40 P. M. train

for an extended northern tour. Beath of an Estimable Lady.

Miss Kate Ainslie, sister of George A. Ainslie, Esq., died at his residence yesterday morning after a short illness. She was an estimable lady, and was devoted to her church and friends. But a little time before her death she seected the following pall-bearers Messrs, W. H. Clemmitt, W. F. Fox. J. B. Cary, R. D. Tyler, G. P. Stacy. G. W. Anderson, B. M. Quarles, and

James L. Maury.

The funeral will take place to-day at 2 o'clock P. M. (not 12 M., as first fixed) from the Seventh-Street Christian

Richmond Dog and Goat Law. The following is the recently-enacted Richmond dog law-the old law amended : Every unlicensed dog going at large off the lot or premises of the owner or keeper of such dog shall be taken and keeper of such dog shall be taken and killed as directed by this ordinance: gold dollars—twenty-five-cent pieces provided that any unlicensed dog may issued as tokens in California some

be redeemed by his owner, or any other person for him, paying the police officer having the custody of such dog all for the use of the city, at any time before sunset of the day on which the wild don is taken. The owner or keeper said dog is taken. The owner or keeper of every unlicensed dog or goat shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$5; and if such fine be not paid within ten days from the time it is imposed, then the Police Justice shall order the dog to be

owner or keeper of such animal. PREACHING OF THE TRUTH.

killed, and the goat to be sold for the

The Religious Meetings Continue with Unabated Interest-Baptisms. Last night at Centenary church was another occasion of great spiritual interest and power. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Riddick, pastor of Clay-Street Methodist church. His text was selected from St. Paul's famed discourse before the highest court of Athens: "But now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." Acts

His subject was "The Proper Time for Repentance," and most powerfully of did he enforce the importance of the ti "now." At the conclusion of the discourse a number of persons went to the altar and several professed conversion. The service of song was delightful. Before the close of the meeting there

were related some instances of special answers to prayer which would puzzled those who submitted the "prayer-test" of a few years ago. The meetings begin at 7:30 o'clock.

MR. NEEDHAM'S MEETINGS. Mr. Needham's Bible reading at Dr. Read's church yesterday afternoon on "The Twofold Nature of the True Child of God " was (in its logical force and plain presentation of the truth of (fod's Word) one of the ablest and most effective of the whole series. The large congregation seemed deeply im-

At the Grace-Street Baptist church last night an even larger congregation than usual assembled. Mr. Needham announced as his text, "All Have Sinned," and discussed with great power the universality of sin-God's relations to and opinion of sin; his feeling towards the sinner, and the sinner should do to be saved from

The inquiry-meeting in the lectureroom was crowded, the interest was very great, about fifteen professed faith in Christ, and a number of others asked in the face of such a smooth-going play for special prayer.

This afternoon at 4:30 Mr. Needham gives his last Bible reading at the Grace-Street Presbyterian church, and at 7:45 to-night preaches his last sermon of this series at Grace-Street Baptist church. WEST MAIN-STREET.

fourteen persons were baptized and there are others yet to be baptized.
These meetings have been conducted principally by the paster and are sus-The following appears in this week's principally by the pas number of the New York Musical Cou- pended for the present.

BIBLE READINGS. very large congregation attended the Bible reading of Mrs. George C. Needham at Friends' meeting-house W. C. T. of the Good Templars, and at yesterday forenoon, and many being the close of the meeting twelve joined unable to find seats had reluctantly to | Trinity Lodge of Good Templars. go away. She read the 23d Psalm. commenting on it and parallel passages. evolving therefrom the theme of " Christ the Shepherd of His people," bearing tire intrigue of the plot.' Such a beautiful tribute in eloquent language

> There is such a desire amongst the people to hear and enjoy these readings that the Friends, under whose auspices Richmond Theatre next Monday night.

they are held, finding their own house worship too small to accommodate all who wish to attend, have secured the to hear him. Broad-Street Methodist church, in the main audience-room of which the readings will be hereafter held, commencing next Sunday at 4 o'clock P. M., to be followed on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week at the same hour.

Supreme Court of Appeals Hutcheson and als, against Grubbs's administrator and als. From the Cir-

cuit Court of the county of Mecklen-

burg. Reversed, Judge Lewis delivering the opinion. Hughes against Tinsley & Brother. From the Circuit Court of the county of Gloucester. Reversed and remanded. Judge Lacy delivering the opinion.

Lewis and als against Mason's adnmistrator and als. From the Circuit Court of the county of Essey Affirmed, Judge Fauntleroy delivering the opinion: Judge Richardson dissenting

City of Lynchburg against Norfolk and Western Railroad Company. From the Corporation Court of the city of Lynchburg. Affirmed, Judge Hinton delivering the opinion. Branch & Co. against the Board o

Commissioners of the Sinking Fund. Petition for mandamus. Rule awarded, returnable to the first day of March term; Judges Lacy and Fauntleroy dissenting. Commonwealth against Consani

Commonwealth against Duval, trustee Commonwealth against Tyler, trustee Dunnington, treasurer, against Ford. Rehearing denied. County of Chesterfield against Hall's

Haskins for defendant in error, and sub-

Hustings Court. The Hustings Court was engaged yes terday in hearing coupon cases, the question involved in each case being the genuineness of the coupons tendered in payment of taxes. Two cases were tried, the coupons in one being pronounced genuine and in the other the jury failed to agree.

The following cases were disposed of Mary Ligon, charged with unlawfully

and feloniously stealing three handker-

chiefs, valued at \$1. Sent to jail for

thirty days. Isaiah Woody, using abusive language and striking Oliver Williams. Discharged. Benjamin Green, cutting and assaulting Prosser Taylor with intent to kill.

John Maxwell, drunk. Attachment issued for his presence. Thornton Carter, drunk, Discharged. Continued until Saturday. George W. Jones, drunk. Fined \$2 and cost.

the sum of \$500.

A Possible Truce. Day before yesterday a man, so far unknown, went to a store on west Clay he paid for in an "old-issue" fifty-cent

The musicale of last evening proved to be unusually entertaining. Mr. Stephan Steinmüller, of Baltimore, was

the vocalist of the occasion. He has a beautiful baritone voice, fine method. and sings with much feeling. His se-lections, though not calculated to espe-cially please the general audience, were of the highest order. Upon his render-ing of the difficult solo, "It is Enough," from "Elijah," he received a recall, and responded with another beautiful aria from the same oratorio. He sang "Adelaide," by Beethoven, with charming effect, and was forced again to re-

was the trombone solo by Mr. Equi, with orchestral accompaniment. The selection was written and arranged by Mr. John Baseler, of this city, and was played for the first time last night. Mr. Baseler has taken the "Blue Bells of Scotland " for his theme, and worked out a really meritorious composition. Mr. I qui performed it to a rare degree of perfection, playing the difficult variane with surprising ease. His execution upon the trombone is simply re markable, while his tone is always rich and sweet. He was encored and forced

bert's "Forget Me Not," was, like all the tausical efforts of this gentleman, finished and effective. The orchestral numbers were difficult

The 'cello selo of Mr. Thilow, Schu-

Lectures To-Night. To-night at St. Mark's church Pro-

fully illustrated by stereoptican views. At Leigh-Street Baptist church to-

Milton Nobles. company repeated his new play "Love and Law" at the Theatre. All who saw the performance were well pleased. in the face of such a smooth-going play

The Trial of Mr. Smith The trial of Mr. William R. Smith. At this church Wednesday night whom several indictments have been found by the grand jury of the Hustings

> ket Hall last night was well attended. Addresses were made by Rev. J. E. Irvine and Captain W. C. Dutton, G.

> Anti-Coupon Meeting. At 12 o'clock to-day, in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, there will be held a meeting of tax- and licensepayers to take measures favoring the payment of State dues in money instead

This is his first appearance here, and he

manager of the East Tennesse, Virginia and Georgia system. It is now supposed that President Arthur will not accept the resignation of Dr. Gilmer-will not act upon it at

out a new catalogue early in March. giving the names of all subscribers on record March the 1st. And to appear on that catalogue it will be necessary that we have the names prior to March

Manager Southern Bell Telephone Co Sufferers from Throat

Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry can be consulted at parlors No. 807 east Grace street four weeks from Monday, February 23d. Having had fifteen years' experience we are able to cure the worst standing cases with one to ten treatments-rheumatism, neuralgia, pleurisy, spinal, nervous, and heart diseases; all female weakness. Office

At Prime Cost. Being anxious to carry over as little winter stock as possible, we will continue to sell our entire stock of Sent on to the grand jury and bailed in Clothing and Overcoats at prime cost. There is no humbug about this, but it is in fact a prime-cost sale. The stock embraces some very desirable goods, Thornton Carter, drunk. Discharged. and parties can save money by giving Thomas James, creating a nuisance. us a call and securing good clothing at very low prices. E. B. Spence & Son,

STAUNTON. The Grand Lodge Knights of Prthins-Re-

ports- Election of Officers. ndence of the Richmond Dispatch. STAUNTON, February 19, 1885. The following representatives from Richmond were present at the meeting of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias: E. P. Hulce, J. A. McGilvray, George E. P. Hulce, J. A. McGhyray, George E. Bowden, George A. Goode, Beverly T. Crump, George Klein, S. T. Beach, P. Whitlock, and M. Mayo.

Marbury, A. F. Cox, Alexandria; John E. Ashley, Norfolk: E. A. Emmerson, Lynchburg; C. A. Dutten, Portsmouth; W. H. H. Lynn, Staunton; C. H. Sharp, Manchester; R. A. Henson, Petersburg; A. M. Garner, Fredericks-burg; T. H. Virnelson, Portsmouth; C. H. Palmer, Hampton; A. S. Gitt-man, Petersburg; W. A. Braithwaite, Harrisonburg; R. E. Garrett, Lees-burg; James Worley, Matoaca; W. Lee Brand, Salem; J. Lloyd Widgin, Deep Creek; W. S. Rudd, Berkeley; J. E. Booker, Suffolk; A. M. Brown ley, Franklin; J. W. Cox, Church-land; John W. Reed, Purcellville; J. M. Hammerly, Round Hill; R. J. Lykes, Norfolk; C. J. Nimmo. Princess Anne.

The report of Grand-Chancellor D. C. Richardson showed that since the institution of the order of Knights of Pythias in Virginia eighteen subordithree lodges are dormant at this date. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, John C. Teller, submitted his re-

port. He was appointed to fill an un-expired term on the 18th of last March. The receipts from April 1, 1884, to February 1, 1885, aggregated \$1,492.79. which, with the balance in hand April 1st of \$225.44, made \$1,718.23; disbursements, 8661.87; balance in hand February 1, 1885, \$1,056.36. The number of Knights for the year

ending December 31, 1884, was 2,817, being a loss of 102. The balance in the treasuries of the subordinate lodge December 31, 1884, was \$29,816.08. The amount expended for the relief of members for the year ending December 31, 1884, was \$11,537.68. Correspondence is being held with citizens of Berryville, Va., and Rom-

place of meeting of the Grand Lodge, which will take place on the third Tues-

day in February, 1886. OFFICERS FOR 1885. The following officers were elected

for the ensuing year: P. G. C., D. C. Richardson, Richmond; G. C., G. M. Richter, Hampton; G. V. C., E. A. Emmerson, Lynchburg; G. P., W. T. Lithgow, Manchester; G. K. R. S. John C. Teller, Richmond; G. M. E. T. L. Couriney, Richmond; G. M. A. W. L. Olivier, Staunton; G. L. G., T. H. Virnelson, Portsmouth; G. O. G. J. A. Cosby, Richmond. Supreme Representative Daniel J.

Turner, assisted by W. H. H. Lynn as Supreme Guide, installed the newlyelected officers. FIERY FLAMES.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.] PHILADELPHIA, February 19 .- A

street, and many large houses on the other side are in immment danger. The fire originated in some manner Mr. C. H. Hudson having resigned as yet unknown in the five-story brick cupied by Stevenson & Co., Getz & Stratton, Richard A. Blythe, and Garwool. After the fire was discovered and the flames burst from the windows the front of the three upper stories fell out and crashed down into the street. The loud noise thus made caused the rumor that an explosion also occurred, sives in the building when the wall fell. A laborer, whose name is said o be John McKay, was engaged in rekilled. The fire spread to the buildings on the east, and Nos. 123 and 121 flames. The former building is occupied by Irvine C. Beatty & Co., dealers and a respect for contract rights.

in worsted yarns, and the latter by George H. McFadden & Co. So far as is known now two men have been killed at the scene of the fire-John McKay, or McCormick, a driver of the hose-cart, and J. G. Blyer, aged eighteen years. At 11:15 A. M. the firemen are confident that they have the fire fully under control and that it cannot spread further. The losses will be heavy, but no estimate can yet be

made. A rough estimate is that it will not be less than \$200,000. \$250,000 BLAZE IN CHICAGO. CHICAGO, February 19 .- A fire is raging with great fury in the Grannis Block on the east side of Dearborn street, just south of Washington. The fire started at 5:45 o'clock this evening, and half an hour later it was found necessary to turn in a general alarm. Twelve engines and a stand-pipe are playing on the flames, and immens crowds of people are watching it. The apparent destruction of one of the finest

flice-blocks seems certain. It is impossible to estimate the loss. At the time the fire was discovered the employes in the various offices were preparing to leave for the night, and, as far as learned, all escaped safely. The fire is said to have originated at the bottom of the elevator shaft, where during the past week a new boiler has been put in and other improvements made. In the Grannis Block are two banks-the Continental National and the National Bank of Illinois. vaults were all fire-proof, and the, only inconvenience will be the delay while waiting for the safes to become cooled off so as to make access to them pos

sible. The building is for the most part occupied by lawyers, architects, and insurance agents, many of whom will lose everything contained in their offices. Two of the most valuable law libraries in the city are totally destroyed, besides valuable papers which the occupants of the offices had not sufficient time to put into the vaults.

city, at a cost of about \$175,000. The building was insured for \$120,000. Other losses will amount to \$75,000.

The fire was practically under control at 9 o'clock, and fears as to the safety of the adjoining block were no longer

entertained. COTTON MILLS BURNED.

London, February 19.—The Kung-den cotton-mills, at Blackburn, were burned to-day. The loss is \$100,000. Two constables were killed during the progress of the fire by walls falling on them. Several of the employes of the mills who were within the buildings at the time the fire started are reported

To the People of Richmond City. A very large proportion of the creditors of the State of Virginia reside in the kingdom of Great Britain. These have organized themselves into a syndicate, and have appointed me their at-torney to press their claims upon the State in the courts of justice. A paper, which is being circulated in the city for signatures asking the Chamber of Commerce to call a meeting of citizens with a view to getting them to pledge themselves not to use coupons for taxes, de-mands some notice from me in my repre-

When the Supreme Court of the United States decided the case of Antoni cs. Greenhow, nearly three years back, I announced to the public that it the creditors, and that what was decided adversely to them was a matter of no consequence. No attention was paid to my claims, but the public, without critically examining the decision itself, went off in the belief that the decision knows, is only the skeleton of the origiof the court was a virtual release of the State from all her obligations. My view of the decision was at once pressed on the Hon, H. L. Bond, United States circuit judge for the districts of Virginia, who held that my view of it was

be opposed to that of the Supreme Court, I have refrained from pressing it further than was necessary to secure another decision of the Supreme Court end test cases were prepared and carried to the Supreme Court. Its docket is so crowded that a case is not such as so crowded that a case is not such as so crowded that a case is not such as so crowded that a case is not such as some poor friends. for decision for more than three years after it gets there, and the Court refused to advance my cases on my mo-tion. But the act of Congress gives the State peremptorily a right to have them advanced. I have used Judge Bond's decision no further than to force the State to move to advance these cases. Last March I went before the

Finance Committee of the Senate, and after explaining to it the opportunity embarrass the State hopelessly in the collection of her revenue, I stated to it that I would not bring another suit or press any one then pending if the Legislature would pass an act calling upon the Attorney-General to move the Supreme Court to take up and decide the test cases. My proposition was scornfully declined. Since that time I have pressed Judge Bond's view of the law, until the Board of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund felt constrained to write to the Attorney-Ecstructive Conflagration in Philadelphin-General calling upon him to move the Supreme Court to advance and decide my cases. Recently he made this modestructive fire broke out this morning tion, and the Supreme Court ordered on Chestnut street between Second and them to be argued on the 16th of March. Front streets. The locality is devoted cutively to large warehouses and busientirely to large warenouses and outsiness-houses. The fire spread rapidly and extended from the Corn Exchange to Letitia street—about half law. Neither myself nor any of the The Corn Exchange National Bank, on any connection whatever with the Second and Chestnut streets, has caught suit of Parsons es. The Audifire and is burning in the upper stories. tor. When it was brought I The flames have crossed Chestnut was requested to take part in it, but I

that they were engaged in what would prove prejudicial to their interests if they persisted in it. I wish, therefore, that the people of Virginia shall know that whatever is offensive to them in that suit the creditors of the State are not responsible for. And now let me ask : Is it possible that the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Richmond will do any such thing were any explor as it is asked to do? All that the creditors of the State are engaged in is an effort, in a quiet and orderly method, to get the judgment of the supreme jumoving a safe from the adjoining build- dicial tribunal of this Union upon the ing. He was buried by the falling question, What is the law of the land bricks and instantly killed. A horse respecting these coupons? Richmond attached to a hose-cart was standing in is a commercial centre, and her front of the building, and was also parks and streets and markets have been built up through the agencies of commerce. If there is anything on earth which commercial pros-

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CRUELTY TO SPONGES. rious Doubts Aroused by the Di

A scientific professor of New South Wales congratulates himself upon hav-ing discovered the "nervous system"

of sponges; but it is not easy to deter-mine on what grounds the congratula-tion is based. It had been hoped that sponges had no nervous system. In-deed, naturalists, with a consideration for popular sentiment which is all too frequently wanting in them, had been careful to conceal the fact that these poor adjuncts of the tub possess poor adjuncts of the tub possessed nerve; and even if they knew of them, said nothing. In order to disguise their amiable withholding of the facts they had got into the habit of telling us that sponges were multicellular animals in which the endodermal layer charac-teristically consists partly or wholly of flagellated collared cells. "In a word," said these well-intentioned saword," said these well-intentioned sa-vants, "they are metazoe." After this nobody could really have any very deli-cate scruples about washing his face with one, for the description applies al-most as exactly to a honeycomb bathtowel as to a sponge, and it would have been an exceptional squeamishness that objected to soaping a flaggellated col-lared cell. The line of serupulousness has to be drawn somewhere, and, as most sublunary things are "metazoa," there was not much to choose, in the Mangnall, of pious memory, is aware, the sponge, as the ordinary bather knows, is only the skeleton of the origi-nal object, or of a whole colony of objects. Its bodily stuff was carefully removed when being prepared for market, and nothing but a framework of material resembling tlannel, which these poor animals are content to call their Knowing that all the people of Virginia believed Judge Bond's decision to be opposed to that diligently explained to the public that even this outer shell was really not so much the covering of bodies as dwellings. So that sensitiveness with regard to their use was obviously reduced to a minimum. Readers of "Rabelais" minimum. Readers of ried to the Supreme Court. Its docket as so crowded that a case is not reached for decision for more than three years.

He rinsed the vinking of white so which is of white so which is some poor friars had taken refuge.

He rinsed the salad so as to remove any considerable impurities that might be upon it, but he did not notice the monks and swallowed them. Yet the giant was quite innocent of any unkind intention toward the cowling fugitives-indeed, his subsequent conduct with regard to them goes to prove that he was most amicably disposed in favor of their order. When, therefore, a man takes up a handful of sponge and souses his face with it, he need not feel uncomfortable about the inconvenience he is causing, for he is so much larger than the creatures he uses that the onus of establishing their identity must really be left to them. Otherwise we should have to go on apologizing forever if we once committed ourselves to the investigation of microscopic grievances. It becomes, however, a very different matter when professors begin to speak of nervous systems, for if sponges have nervous systems they are, obviously,

liable to be shocked. When the elderly passenger meets with a railway acci-dent the company has always to take into calculation the shock given to his nervous system, and if counsel for the defence are to be believed it is astonishing how many serious criminals deserve sympathy rather than punishment on account of the same calamity. Con-I represent have had we are justified in subjecting sponges to increase the supply they are cut up into little pieces about an inch square, and "dibbled" out into rows as i they were cabbages. They are planted, at once declined and urged that it should in fact, like vegetables, and the growth be abandoned. So far as I know but is so steady and rapid as to make deeptwo of the creditors of the State have sea gardening very profitable. had anything whatever to do with that artificial sponges are always regularly suit, and I warned them at the start globular, and therefore preferable to the irregularly-shaped creatures that have matured in freedom. But is this spongefarming moral? Are we justified in cutting up creatures with nervous systems into cubes of an inch and skewering them down in the sea-mud? . For a long time the prevailing ideas about this class of beast-for we may as well call it a beast as anything else-were dimal theories, and the botanist and the zoologist made a very fair tient observer, examining through a powerful microscope a bit of sponge in a watch-glass, saw that the thing was drawing in the water and ejecting it again, and that the particles of matter it swallowed were quite different from those it returned. The tiny fragment, in fact, turned into a range of mimic volcanoes and whirlpools, the former casting out streams of debris, the latter sucking down everything that floated near it. The impetuosity of the process, the forious rapidity of the torrents as they hurled out from the cavities masses of opaque matter, was not depreciated by the fact of the phenomena transpiring in the limited area of a watchglass, and the spectator describes the scene in terms that would have befitted the most terrific terrestrial convulsions, such as the earthquake of Lisbon or the destruction of Pompeii. After this discovery rapid steps were made, and eventually the botanists were compelled to concede the complicated organism to the zoologists, and, so to speak, throw up the sponge. There still, however, remained to be decided the curious point as to how much of the thing could be called alive. That, as a whole, it was living, there was no longer any doubt; but where did the animate part of it begin and where end? Nor, unless this Australian professor has thrown any new light upon the point, can the controversy be ered to be by any means settled yet. Indeed, what with "slender flagel-lums," "cylindrical collars," "granular axial threads," "hyaline protopi-asm," "nucleated corpuscles," "modified mesoderm," and ever so much

could see at once that it was nothing of the sort, because it could cry. sponges, then, are equally sensitive, and have feelings of their own with PLOW-HANDLES. BEAUS, ROUNDS. which it is not right to trifle, the public would be glad to be explicitly informed, for it no more feels disposed to be unkind even to a nucleated corpuscle than Pantagruel did to the friars in the let-[By cable to the Dispatch.]
ROME, February 19.—Pope Leo
XIII. is to-day ill. His sickness results from a recurrence of his intestinal

nore of the same kind, men of science

appear to have got themselves into

just such a mess over the sponge as Professor Ptthmllnsprts did over

the water-baby, which he said was

a new species of holothuria; though, as Kingsley says, everybody who was not as wise as the professor

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